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Please see that is forwarded to the Offices of the states attorneys general involved in the case.

Microsoft is a dishonest company, and we should all think long and hard before doing business with them. From "DOS ain't done 'till Lotus won't run", to the stealing of Stac's patented algorithms in order to run them out of business, to putting code in the Windows 3.1 beta to detect if it was being run under anything other than MS-DOS and spit out an error message in order to drive a competitor out of business, to marking the opening of a new e-greeting card service by releasing a version of Outlook that sorted Blue Mountain e-greeting cards into the trash so users never saw them, they have shown they are untrustworthy.

They also claim to have invented in-house every technology which they have copied from somewhere else, have payed people to write "independent" pro-Microsoft opinions to editors of newspapers and magazines and to Usenet, have created phoney "grassroots" groups (including "members" from non-existent towns and real but deceased people) to push for dropping the anti-trust case, and have used the Business Software Alliance as a club to force copyright-infringing companies to switch all their Novell software to NT.

They continue to pay computer science professors to exclusively teach Microsoft tools, fake evidence in a court of law, forbid OEM customers of Windows from buying and loading another company's third party software under threat of losing their Windows license (Netscape specifically), forbid OEM customers from developing competing software under threat of losing their Windows license (IBM OS/2, and HP OpenMail specifically), lay out plans to defeat hobbyist software by noting that it generally complies with accepted Internet standards so Microsoft can break these standards to prevent hobbyist software from inter operating with theirs. They charge OEMs the cost of a Windows license for each processor shipped, and once shipped a version of Kerberos that refuses to log into any but a Microsoft Kerberos implementation.

They create misleading "Can Your Palm Do That?" ads referring to features that Palms have by default and are costly add-ons to WinCE devices, and appended an advertisement written in the first person (I recently..) to MSN users' outgoing email's without their knowledge. They have also required that corporations purchasing computers with Windows licenses must purchase additional licenses to reinstall these same computers with the corporate standard desktop, as well claiming that the default install of NT 3.51 met C-2 security standards when the rating is only made for a single physical installation and the installation which earned the rating had no network connection or removable media. They later claimed that NT4 met C-2

standards when it had not been tested simply because they had said NT3 met the standards. In the past they claimed that you do not need a trained network administrator to run a Windows-based network, claimed that DOS 6.0 was completely stable and didn't crash like DOS 5.0, claimed that Windows 95 was completely stable and didn't crash like DOS 6 and Windows 3.1, claimed that Windows 98 was completely stable and didn't crash like Windows 95, claimed XP is secure despite enabling by default a known security hole. Microsoft has shown itself to be untrustworthy. Over and over again.

But then you know that, because Bill Gates lied under oath, to a judge, and submitted faked video as court evidence.

Microsoft does not need to be fined. Nor do they need to be split into 2 or more companies. They need to be abolished, destroyed, disbanded and the major executives banned from working in the tech sector until after 2025.

Your "settlement" is a joke and travesty. Pretend you are representing the people long enough to finish this case.

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"There won't be anything we won't say to people to try and convince them that our way is the way to go." -Bill Gates

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